

peaceful and unarmed men, women, and children in Darfur an increased chance of surviving the genocide.

Economic and financial considerations have been used to both block and water down our Sudan capital markets legislation in the past. Economic and financial considerations are important, but in a loving nation can never be used as justification for turning a blind eye to genocide. Closing our financial markets to those who participate directly or indirectly in the slaughter of innocent human beings is well within our ability and ought to be a bedrock principle. America is a loving nation, and allowing our financial markets to be utilized by an evil regime which conducts religious and racial genocide is inconsistent with our values and principles.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation will help put strong pressure on a government that has consistently engaged in genocidal actions, both directly and as an enabler of paramilitary factions that are harassing and killing people in the Darfur region and elsewhere in Sudan.

It is vital to keep the pressure on the Khar-toum government, both because of the "bait-and-switch" game it has been playing with the rest of the world for years, pretending to make strides to end the genocide and then going back on its word when the world's outrage is temporarily spent. The latest outrage involves refusing to allow the deployment of non-African United Nations peacekeeping troops, due in two weeks, which it previously had agreed to accept.

The objective of this legislation is one that I wholeheartedly embrace, and that I have sought to achieve in legislative proposals of my own in previous Congresses. Passage will be a strong expression of Congress's outrage over the continued genocide in Darfur. I urge its immediate passage.

I want to thank the staff that worked on this important effort. From Chairman FRANK's staff, Jim Segel, Scott Morris, Daniel McGlinchey and Nancy Alexander; from Representative BARBARA LEE's staff, Chris Isentas; from Representative DONALD PAYNE's staff, Noelle Lusane; from Representative ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN's staff, Gene Gurevida and Yleen Poblette; from Representative FRANK WOLF's staff, Molly Miller; from Representative CHRISTOPHER SMITH's staff, Sherry Rickert; and Joe Pinder, Kevin Edgar, and Anthony Cimino from my own staff.

CONGRATULATING CARROLL COLLEGE FIGHTING SAINTS

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, I don't know if you've had a chance to see this week's Sports Illustrated Magazine. On the cover is a picture of Brandon Day, a football player for the Carroll College Fighting Saints—who on December 15 won their fifth National Title in six years. Carroll College plays in Helena, Montana as a part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. This year, they had a perfect 11 and 0 record in the regular season and survived the playoffs to defeat the Sioux Falls Cougars by a score of 17

to 9 to win the Championship. They say that defense wins championships—the Saints' defense allowed only 5.1 points per game, the fewest points allowed in all of college football. They shut out opponents five times during the year including once during the playoffs. But it wasn't just a powerful defense that earned this Championship—a well-balanced offense scored an average of 26.4 points per game. I would like to congratulate Coach Mike Van Diest, his team, his school and their fans on a truly remarkable season. Next year, the Saints will be building on the longest win streak in college football at fifteen games. I ask that the team roster be added to the record with my comments.

Team Roster: John Camino, Brian Sloan, John McKenna, Zack Gill, Justin Smith, Chase Gill, Travis Browne, Zach Richardson, Cody Zimmerman, Wilson Bowly, Shane Van Diest, Marcus Miller, Andrew Lopez, Bryce Picard, Jon Von Eschen, Zach Schaal, John Barnett, Will Barnett, Gary Wagner, Brian Murphy, Stevie Sloan, Jeren Starr, Thomas Dolan, Cody Lamb, Kody Swartz, Gabe Le, Zach Thiry, Jeff Deal, Nick Milodragovich, Christian Prosperie, Mike Waldenberg, Tyson Bogumill, Jake Whetzel, Body Whetzel, Pat Regan, James Byrd, Kurt Stoll, T.J. Lehman, Tucker Vezina, Corey Peterson, Shawn Holland, Greg Bosick, Jake Orrino, Chanler Buck, Colton Sherley Sean Herrin, Brandon Day, Kyle Ferebee, Travis Schmidt, Ellis Beckwith, Ryan Egan, Matt Tummel, Thomas Robinson, Mac Gordon, Tyler Espinosa, Scotty Rice, Bubba Bartlett, Greg Thompson, Marshall McEwen, Tyler Pasha, Nick Gilchrist, Phil Lenoue, Ted Morigeau, Andy Fjeseth, Owen Koeppen, Trever Hass, Spencer Savage, Rick Young, Garret Garels, Nick Petrusha, Ron Baze, Doug Adams, Alex Pfannanstiel, Bryson Pelc, Ben Wahl, Conrad Addison, Kolten Knatterud, Dan Layton, Kerry Cicero, Chad McMillan, Conor Fox, Justin Howe, Brent Williams, Mike Pafthausen, Mike Vickhammer, Ryan Gilmore, Adam Brockway, Scott Holbrook, Donald Phipps, Leonard Thurmond, Bryan Camino, David Whitmoyer, Kipp Curtis, Lat Wipplinger, Tyler Sanders, Mac Kirk, Dan Lovin, Roman Morris, Isiah Linnell, Luke DenHerder, Kyle Moore, Kris Drumheller, Zach Zosal, Casey Sternhagen, Cole Whitmoyer, A.J. Allen, Garret Thompson, Ryan DeKruyf, Mike Ogrin, Mason Siddick, Will Hamilton.

President: Dr. Thomas Trebon; Athletic Director: Bruce M. Parker; Sports Information Director: Brandon Veltri; Head Football Coach: Mike Van Diest; Assistant Coaches: Nick Howlett, Jim Hogan, Jarrod Wirt, Gary Cooper, Tyler Emmert, Nick Hammond, Mark Lenhardt, Tim LeRoy, Jed Thomas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, I was absent for two votes due to an important meeting regarding a significant economic development need in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall Nos. 1179 and 1180.

CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT-ELECT LEE MYUNG-BAK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, today America's great ally, the Republic of Korea, elected a new President. To provide congratulations and in recognition of the achievement of President-Elect Lee Myung-bak, I wish to submit the following article from the Associated Press regarding today's presidential election in South Korea.

LEE CLAIMS WIN IN SOUTH KOREA ELECTION

(By Burt Herman)

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA (AP)—Former Hyundai CEO Lee Myung-bak claimed victory Wednesday in South Korea's presidential election, as voters overlooked fraud allegations in hopes he will revive the economy.

Lee's two main rivals both conceded defeat after returns and exit polls showed him winning nearly double the votes of his closest competitor.

"Today, the people gave me absolute support. I'm well aware of the people's wishes," said Lee, of the conservative Grand National Party. "I will serve the people in a very humble way. According to the people's wishes, I will save the nation's economy that faces a crisis."

The National Election Commission said Lee had 48.6 percent of the vote with 98 percent of ballots counted. Liberal Chung Dong-young was a distant second with 26.2 percent. The victory margin was by far the largest in any South Korean presidential election.

Lee, a former Seoul mayor who turned 66 on election day, has led the race for months. His victory ends a decade of liberal rule in the South, during which the country embarked on unprecedented reconciliation with rival North Korea that has led to restored trade and travel across the heavily armed frontier dividing the peninsula.

"I humbly accept the people's choice," Chung told reporters late Wednesday. "I hope (president)-elect Lee Myung-bak will do a good job for the country."

Candidate Lee Hoi-chang, who was trailing in third with 15.7 percent of the vote, congratulated Lee Myung-bak on his win.

"I hope he would uphold the people's yearning for a change in government and correct what the outgoing government has done wrong in the past," he told reporters.

The office of liberal President Roh Moo-hyun congratulated Lee.

"We respect the people's choice shown in this election," presidential spokesman Cheon Ho-seon said in a statement.

Hundreds of supporters watching results on a giant TV in front of the Grand National Party's headquarters burst into song Wednesday evening as returns showed Lee winning.

Lee has pledged to take a more critical view of Seoul's engagement with North Korea and seek closer U.S. ties. Efforts to end North Korea's nuclear weapons ambitions stand at a critical juncture, with the communist country set to disclose all its programs for eventual dismantlement by a year-end deadline.

State Department spokesman Tom Casey congratulated Lee on his victory.

"We have a long history of cooperation and friendship with South Korea and fully expect that'll continue with this new government," he said. "Certainly, we've got a number of important issues on our bilateral agenda including our mutual cooperation in the six-party talks."

RECOGNIZING CRAIG OLTHOFF

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Craig Olthoff, a long-time U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency employee, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to the agricultural community of Iowa.

For the past 30 years Craig has been employed by the Farm Service Agency. He served as the Hardin County executive director from 1978 to 1989, when he was then promoted to district director. As district director, Craig oversaw 11 county offices in north central Iowa. I offer him my utmost congratulations and thanks for his dedication to providing reliable service to Iowa Farmers.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Craig Olthoff for his leadership and service to the USDA Farm Service Agency and the farmers in his district. I consider it an honor to represent Craig in Congress and I wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO ANDREA R. ADAMS,
MPA**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Andrea R. Adams. Andrea was born on Staten Island, New York and is a product of the City's public school system. After receiving her G.E.D., she enrolled in York College in Jamaica, New York and St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn. Andrea later attended Long Island University, graduating with a Master's of Public Administration and a certificate in Health Care Administration.

Andrea has worked in the health care field for 25 years. She has held various positions, among them: Medical Secretary; Technical Specialist; Health Educator; Hospital Training Director; Community Outreach Liaison; Executive Assistant; and currently, Director of Volunteer and Auxiliary Services.

Andrea is credited with spearheading the Gateway to Health Sciences School at Queens Hospital 12 years ago. She implemented this unique learning hospital/high school collaboration to lure inner city youth to occupations in the health profession. The hospital's on-site project opened the door to her present and most rewarding task; counseling young people allowing them to see the potential of a rewarding a career in the health care field. As the hospital's Volunteer Director, she also assists second career adults referred from health career schools, and senior citizens seeking a rewarding volunteer experience.

Andrea is a member of the National Association of University Women's Saturday Tutorial Program. This program assists children in improving their reading, math, penmanship, and communications skills. Andrea is an active

supporter of many of the programs at St. Matthew's Community A.M.E. Church of which she is a member. Currently, the church is preparing to open an after school program center. Upon its completion, Andrea plans to be a regular participant of the skills enhancement program. She is also a member of the New York City Board of Education's "Speaker in the Classroom" program. Each year, she visits day care centers, schools and colleges to share information about various and unique careers in health care.

Andrea is a member of the Women's Concerns Committee at Queens Hospital Center and participates in developing projects to advance cultural awareness among hospital staff. Her diligent work in this area earned her the Mayor's Award in 2001. She is also a rape, domestic violence advocate and an outreach educator of the health care proxy law, breast cancer awareness, and HIV/AIDS transmission.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the impressive achievements of Andrea R. Adams, who has spent her life giving so much to others. I also want to thank Ms. Adams helping the children of Brooklyn, New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this exceptionally kind woman.

FOURTH TIME A CHARM FOR
WESTERN ALAMANCE**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, the old adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again" wasn't written specifically with the Western Alamance High School football team in mind, but as its players and fans will tell you, that statement perfectly captures the fighting spirit of the Warriors. On December 8, 2007, Western Alamance won the North Carolina 3-A high school football championship on its fourth try in the title game. The Warriors completed a perfect 16-0 season by defeating North Gaston 62-36.

Having lost three straight state championship games, the Warriors of Western Alamance were used to playing in a big game setting. As Head Coach Hal Capps told the Times-News, however, there was something different about this year's squad. "North Gaston is an outstanding football team, outstanding," Coach Capps told the Burlington newspaper, "but this team was on a mission, they were not going to be denied."

Senior receiver Levon Curtis, who was named the game's Most Outstanding Player, was part of those past title game losses, and he told the Times-News, "We did it. I didn't know it would ever happen. I've got to get it through my mind, we did it." Curtis certainly did it by scoring four touchdowns, two through the air and two on the ground. In all, Curtis caught seven passes for 153 yards and rushed for another 96 yards.

Coach Hal Capps will be the first to tell you that finally winning that elusive state championship took a total team effort. Members of

his coaching squad included Terry Covington, Drew Hambright, Chris Jackson, Frank Lassiter, Kenny Lockner, Brad Melton, Mike Mitchener, Chris Myers, and Jeff Snuffer. They were ably assisted by team managers Kaitlyn Lockner, Rachel McKinney, Amanda Summers, and Amanda Thomas.

But it was the players who finally led the Warriors to the promised land. Members of the 3-A champs include Ethan Willis, Jonathon Corriher, A.J. Smith, Donald Britt, Ryan Blair, Jared Orton, Houston Spake, Nathan Jasper, Brandon Hill, Kenneth Lindsey, Chris Sparks, Wes Satterfield, Tucker Street, Chris Bradsher, Matt Maness, Connor Meehan, Scottie Thomas, Justin Torrence, Rod Shaw, Michael Wade, Doug Bernard, Olanders Sellars, Johnny Mitchell, P.J. Wright, Brad Brenner, Macon Rippey, Billy Williamson, Gary Strader, Kyle Norris, Levon Curtis, Nathan Bell, Kevin Lewis, Kyle Haizlip, Josh Baulding, Casey Roberts, Todd Ludwig, Joe Ahlgren, Christian Saconn, Robert Fields, Mac Mitchener, Blake Bledsole, Chris Sizemore, Jered Welborn, Josh Warren, Donald Schietzelt, Jay Johnson, Matt Apple, Shawn Huffines, Richard Miller, Laramie Stallings, Nick King, Corey Brothers, Bradley Dickey, Jamal Dark, Zack Palm, Allen Black, Tony Bejos, Jeremy Gooding, Tyler Clayton, Martin Dailey, Dace Crawford, Ashton Tinin, Wayne Stanfield, Joe Reinheimer, Ronnie Mimms, Jordan Gaines, Bill Blanchard, Jeremy Ray, Avery Booker, Josh Medlin, Alex Mitchell, George Wentz, Ben Smith, Brent Oliver, and Orvin Guiffaro.

All of these players assisted Western Alamance in a record-setting performance. Six State records were broken during the title game, including most combined points scored (98) in a championship contest. The only number that the Warriors will remember is four. Because on the fourth try, Western Alamance finally brought home the trophy.

Even amid all of the jubilation, there was some sadness associated with the team. Two days before the championship, the brother of offensive coordinator Jeff Snuffner died of cancer. Quarterback Donald Curtt told the Times-News, "When we heard Coach Snuffner's brother died, something went off in us. We just wanted to do it for him. We wanted to go out there 110 percent, every play." Coach Capps told the Burlington newspaper that just before the game, he and his offensive coordinator hugged and told the other how much they loved each other. "I'm sitting there five minutes before the game," told the Times-News, "crying like a baby. That's what life is all about. It's about loving and caring about people and having relationships. When something doesn't go right, you pick each other up and go on."

The Warriors did more than go on. They went all the way to be named as North Carolina 3-A high school football champions. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate Western Alamance Principal Terri Spears, Athletic Director Carter Gerlach, Head Coach Hal Capps, and all of the players, coaches, staff, family, and fans, as well as the outstanding Warriors marching band. The team is a true inspiration to all of us who work hard to accomplish our goals. The Warriors proved that sometimes old adages are true because they never gave up.